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MAFEKING.

ENEMY QUIET.

Reuter's correspondent at Mafeking under date 23rd March says that after several days bombardment, the enemy is now very quiet.

A NEW IRISH REGIMENT.

The Queen has ordered the formation of an Irish Regiment of foot-guards.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 7th at 11:55 a.m. the barometer has risen on the China coast, fallen in Japan. The depression is moving Eastwards and has reached E. Japan. Gradients slight for N.E. winds on the E. coast of China, and for S. winds on the S. coast. FORECAST:—S. and varying winds, moderate; changeable, thunder showers probable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The R. A. Sports have been further postponed till Monday, on account of the weather.

BETWEEN noon of the 5th inst. and noon of the 6th, one case of plague and one death was reported.

GOVERNMENT House flagstaff at Sandakan was dressed, and a salute of 21 guns was fired from Fort Pryor on the 4th March in honour of the relief of Ladysmith.

A ROBBERY was reported yesterday at the house at the Coffee Plantation, Causeway Bay. Five men with revolvers broke into the house, and after intimidating the inmates, made off with their spoils. The police being communicated with, arrested five men who were in possession of some of the stolen articles.

WHAT are the poor Puerto Ricans to do? Their trade with Spain is gone; they had no other, and it takes years to build up a new trade. Meanwhile, there is angry opposition among Americans to the humane proposal for giving Puerto Rico a chance to live. What are the poor people to do?—*Manila Times*.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.
March: "An Schöner Strand der Elbe"; "Vollständ. G. Suite"; "Sinfonia"; "Pavane"; "Waltz"; "Tänze"; "Capriccio"; "Gigue"; "Scherzo"; "Cape Rossini"; "Tschibassky"; "Jocunda"; "Les Amoureux"; "Hänsel und Gretel"; "Ende der Opern."

THE stories of the invaders' treatment of private property in Natal are reminiscent of the behaviour of Cromwell's Ironsides. They have left pictures, fired bullets into pianos, and in every way tried to do as much annoying damage as possible. In a farm which has been retaken, the pictures had the eyes gouged out of portraits, and all the little harmless ornaments which the feminine mind loves so well deliberately smashed.

ANT-HEAPS are exceedingly numerous in Natal, and in the distance or at dusk they present an appearance not unlike that of a man in a crouching position. The *Chronicle's* correspondent says that many of them have been challenged by the sentries, and instructed to "advance one step and give the countersign." Ant-heaps have proved most useful in one respect. With a hole dug in the top, and another in the side, they have made excellent "fresh-air fire-places."

THE *Manila Times* of the 3rd April says:—So many people are booking seats in advance for the Geisha, which will give its initial performance here next Wednesday night, that already over a thousand dollars worth of seats have been booked. The proprietors of the Zorilla, owing to the demand for boxes, have been obliged to remove some of the stalls and construct fourteen more boxes for the accommodation of the people. The Dallas Company is, going to be well patronised from all appearances.

A SOMEWHAT novel electric omnibus of Berlin weighs 6½ tons with its load of 21 passengers and has accumulators weighing a ton and a half. There are two motors on each axle, four in all which are so arranged that the wheels are driven independently. The single-reduction gearing has ratios of 1 to 7.5 on the front wheels and to 8 on the rear wheels, and regulation is effected by means of series-padded controllers in the usual way. The most interesting feature is probably the use of a collecting bow for charging with current from the overhead wires of the street railway.

A SOIT Answer—François is an excellent servant, and always sits up for his master. One night Viscount de B., François' master, came home from his club at three o'clock in the morning. He found his faithful valet in his bedroom, reclining fast asleep on the sofa near the fire. Instead of waking him, he quietly undressed and got into bed. Ten minutes afterwards François awoke and exclaimed, "Past three o'clock, and the beast hasn't come in yet!" The viscount raised his head and said in a very gentle voice, "You may to bed, François, the beast has got back to its lair."

AN operation was performed at the County Hospital recently, says an exchange, which demonstrated the practicability of "spinal anaesthesia." Mary Arndt, 82 years old, had her left leg amputated and sat, watching the surgeon, Dr. S. L. Webster, at work, feeling no pain. A needle had been inserted in the spinal cord, paralyzing the nerves of the leg and rendering the use of ether or chloroform unnecessary.

THIS is the first time this operation has been attempted in this country. The great age of the woman rendered the use of ordinary anaesthetics dangerous. It is believed this method will be especially useful on the battlefield.

A CHINAMAN was charged yesterday at the Magistracy with having in his possession two boxes containing seventy-three Mauser rifles. They were found in his cargo-boat by a Chinese detective. Full penalty of \$100, or three months.

MESSRS. Geo. Fenwick & Co. yesterday morning launched a new steel steamer, a stern-wheeler for the West River trade. The chief dimensions are:—Length between perpendiculars, 147 feet, over all 168 feet, breadth 31 feet, depth 8 feet. The engines are compound surface condensing; the boilers multitubular, working pressure 120 lbs. per square inch. She has large accommodation for passengers, both for Europeans and Chinese, besides large cargo space. She is to be lighted by electricity, and will have every other modern convenience, including steam windlass. The boat is one of two building by Messrs. Fenwick & Co., and we believe the second one will be launched about the end of the year.

MANY acts of bravery are reported in the papers. Here is one of them:—During the thick of the fight at Belmont Colonel Crabbe, commanding the Grenadiers, became detached from his regiment, and was immediately surrounded by Boers. Seeing his Colonel's danger, Private Fitzmaurice rushed to his assistance. He shot two Boers, bayoneted a third, and amidst the firing carried Colonel Crabbe to the ambulance wagon. The Colonel was shot in the wrist and injured in the thigh, and these were the wounds he described as scratches when wiring the result of the battle to Windsor. He was soon about again and recommended Fitzmaurice for the Victoria Cross. Fitzmaurice was one of the first Grenadiers who volunteered from Windsor.

FROM Chieveley a sergeant of West Yorkshire Regiment wrote recently:—"The camp is full of spies, and there are actually Boers enlisted in our Volunteers' regiments. Four of these latter were seen going in to the liner camp a few days ago. They remained there for a couple of hours. As soon as they arrived they were arrested, tried, condemned, and, after digging their own graves, were shot. The Boers are up to all sorts of tricks. One came into camp the other night dressed as one of the Thirteenth Hussars, and asked a bugler for information. The bugler quietly told the guard, and the man was caught and soon afterwards shot. Another dressed in a British uniform came up to one of our sentries on outpost duty, offered him a drink, and inquired how he was getting on, etc. Finding out that there were only a few troops there, my gentleman wished the sentry good day and said he would be back soon. And sure enough he did—with a lot more—and took the whole of our fellows at that spot prisoners."

A CLEVER X-ray trick is described by Dr. Gustave Michaud in the *Scientific American*. To heighten the effect a lamp may be placed behind the sitter, in front of whom is the held the apparatus, which looks like the lens tube of a camera with a sheet of white paper exposed in full view as the plate and the rubber bulb, apparently operating a pneumatic shutter, is pressed. The result is startling—a picture of the subject's internal organs flashing instantaneously into view in strong colours. The picture is previously pointed on the paper with invisible inks—a diluted solution of sulphocyanide of potassium being used for the lungs, a more concentrated solution of the same salt for the heart and the principal arteries, a solution of potassium for the larger veins, and a weaker solution of the same salt for stomach and a few intestinal coils. For the rest of the body is used a concentrated solution of tannin. The tube really contains only a small atomizer, and pressure on the bulb forces from this upon the paper an invisible spray of ferric chloride solution, producing well-known chemical reactions.

THE big guns of the Boers outmatched the British at Ladysmith and the big guns of some other hostile Power may one day show their superiority over ours in Bombay if the authorities do not look to it. That the Bombay defences are not all they should be was demonstrated in the recent manoeuvres. The attacking fleet was able to send in ships between the forts and the west shore, and had it been actual warfare they would have been able to bombard the City and destroy the docks and shipping. The island forts are unprovided with search-lights, and as the guns cannot be trained in the direction of the City, the attacking vessels can run no risk whatever. The forts have guns which may pass for some time. So also have the Colaba Batteries. But it would be as well if the gunners there had an occasional opportunity of using them. We learn that several attempts have been made to test the guns in the North Battery at Colaba but without avail, though the Inspector-General of Artillery came down to Bombay for the purpose, and every effort was made by the Office Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery at Colaba. The first obstacle which came in the way was the presence of a regular flotilla of small native craft which refused to budge. The assistance of the Port Trust authorities was sought, but they replied that they could give none. They could regulate the moorings of big ships in the harbour, but not the small ones. Then the Police Commissioner was interviewed. His reply was that the water police had no power to interfere. So the guns were not fired. The Inspector-General remained in Bombay for three days, in the vain hope that he might be able to inspect and report upon the guns, and then left in despair.—*Bombay Gazette*.

THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 6th instant..... 25
Do. do. during past 24 hours..... 1
Total..... 26
Deaths reported to 6th instant..... 24
Do. do. during past 24 hours..... 1
Total..... 25

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The eleventh Club race will be sailed to-morrow, the 8th instant, on course No. 10, Cosmopolitan Dock Buoy to port, North Fairway Buoy, Mark Bont off Chung Yue, and Starcutters to starboard. Distance fourteen miles.

SOLDIERS' CLUB.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Any of your readers who had the honour and pleasure of serving under the command of Sir Evelyn Wood will remember how regular he was in his attendance at the weekly church parade. If they also were in Aldershot sometime in the year 1890 or 1891 they will recall that a certain military chaplain, Rev. Chaplin I believe was his name, visited Aldershot at that time and gave some very practical sermons which caused the abolishment of the "Sunday inspection" which used to be so prevalent and irksome previous to his coming. I was at those services and remember in one of these sermons that he said of my recollection these words occurred: "You have the content for drunkards, and the library for teetotalers, but no place for the moderate drinker." I know in many regiments the moderate drinker, or more correctly the man who likes his glass of beer, while reading his paper, smoking his pipe, or having supper, is now being provided for. Sometime ago in your paper appeared a report of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers' Institute at which this class of man is especially considered. But I have never seen a scheme completed with the object of giving Tommy Atkins club in which, while at proper and necessary military discipline, he can have the same comforts and participate in the same advantages as his brother civilian teetotaler. Thanks to the great interest taken in the soldier's welfare and his notably progressive policy His Excellency Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., will have the well deserved credit of being the first originator of such a club in Hongkong. The club is not open yet but the building is complete and the furniture in and so it is only waiting for the official opening.

Before I proceed to describe the club it will be as well to mention how it came into existence. The idea was, as stated, the General's, and he, being a practical man, backed up his sentiments by a donation of £100 or £150. The club officers in the garrison subscribed and enough money was collected without appealing to the civilian public. This has the great advantage that the club, though undoubtedly principally intended to do good to soldiers, cannot in any way be looked upon as a "Charity" as it has been established by military men for military men. So much for the start. It is not intended to pay handsome dividends but will be to be self supporting, the general idea being that the soldiers have been assisted to help themselves, and if they will not seize the opportunity, the assistance will be withdrawn. Thus its primary object is to help those who will help themselves, and just sufficient military supervision or discipline will be introduced to provide that quiet men will not be interfered with by their less silent comrades. I must mention it is not a "Soldiers' Home" but a club; I mean the religious element is in every form barred.

Now for its management, His Excellency the G. O. C. is President of the Executive Committee with Captain Trefusis as Secretary and a number of officers as members. There is a Working Committee composed of non-commissioned and warrant officers from all units in the garrison, so that every corps has its representative on this working committee. It is suggested, where does Tommy come in? A Suggestion Book will be at the disposal of all members in which even the last joined drummer boy may enter suggestions which will be taken into consideration by the Working Committee. Tommy may rest easy that his suggestions will not be slighted, the General will look after that. The Manager is a civilian, Mr. Tyrell, who has had some experience in handling service men.

The building is right in the centre of the Garrison, being the one at the top of Fletcher Street, lately occupied by the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute, and has been well furnished for the purpose for which it is intended. On the ground floor, just inside the door, is the bar with tables at which the men can sit, at the end of the bar is a portion partitioned off as a store-room. Behind this store-room are bath-rooms with shower-baths etc. The back of the ground floor has been turned into a bowling alley. It will be seen that the depth of the building is pretty big, roughly about 150 feet, so there is plenty of space for all these different rooms. Upstairs on the first floor is a very pleasant and commodious verandah, overlooking Queen's Road, prettily decorated with flowers and plants. Two full sized billiard tables are placed at the Queen's Road end, then comes tables between 30 and 40 feet long, besides smaller tables dotted around and a piano. All the latest and most interesting periodicals and journals are provided. Then comes the dining room, and at the back is the kitchen on one side and the Manager's office on the other. The manager's quarters are upstairs. Roughly speaking there is about 6,000 square feet of flooring for the soldiers' use, the whole of which is well lit by windows on either side by day and by electricity in the evening.

A very good start for membership has already been made as all soldiers are members, without paying any fee, all petty officers in the navy are honorary members and it is an open question whether blue-jackets will not also be able to join, but as it is now they can be taken by their military friends. Canteen prices will be charged for both liquid and solid refreshment, our soldier will moreover get a good example to his civilian friends by having completely tabooed "chits" so he cannot find himself insolvent at the end of the month on account of these pests of the Colony. Beer and spirits will be sold during business hours, that is from 2 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. every day, Sunday included.

The eating-house department has been put under Messrs. Yen Wo, contractors, who have had a large experience of Tommy's requirements, and who will be under the personal superintendence of Mr. Tyrell, himself. In this branch it is expected that many social dinners will be held. Soldiers like these functions, and it will be a great convenience to them to have a suitable place at their disposal. Expense has not been spared to give tone to the service; the tables will be decorated and high class utensils provided. Every credit is due to General Gascoigne and the officers of the Garrison for the conception, and for the able manner in which he has put into concrete form. Their manager has been well chosen, and has entered on his duty with the full knowledge of his responsibilities and with a determination to make it answer, without unduly pushing the sale of intoxicating liquors. If the soldier does not appreciate what has been done for him, it is his own fault and he will richly deserve the helping hand so generously extended to him by his officers, being withdrawn. If the men will only be men, then this club ought to cause a great reduction in crime, and so, no doubt, will give our worthy G.O.C. that satisfaction for which he has so honestly and ardently striven.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, April 6th.
Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report state:—
Business has been very dull during the week and few transactions have taken place. The China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited, has convened an Extraordinary General Meeting for the 14th instant, to consider the following Resolutions:—(1) To increase its Capital from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 14,000 new shares of \$50 each, to be offered to all shareholders whose names are on the Company's Register on the 14th April, in the proportion of 7 new shares for every 3 old ones then held by them; and (2) To capitalize \$98,000 from the Reserve Fund and apply same in the payment of \$7 per share on the new shares; the balance of \$43 to be called up in sums of not more than 10p per share at any one time. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to 15th April, both days inclusive.
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks remain quiet with only small sales at 1/8 per cent. premium. The London quotation is unchanged. National Australia Bank steady with sales at 1/8 and 1/2; Marine Insurance. A few Unions have been done at \$235. China Traders have been sold in small quantities at \$54. Yangtzes are in demand and shares can probably be placed at \$140. Cantons have changed hands at \$130. Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fire has been fixed at erratic rates, sales having been made at \$300, \$290, \$294 and again at \$300, the market closing steady at the latter rate. China Fires have been negotiated at \$79 and \$80. Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been booked at \$30 and \$32. India China are firm with sales at \$28 and \$29. China and Manila have been taken off the market at \$100. Douglas Steamships are quiet with sellers at \$51. China Mutuals are enquired for at quotations. Star Ferries are offered at \$181. Refineries.—China Sugars has been sold at \$130 and quiet at the rate. Mining.—Punions are easier and have been sold at \$7.80. The Preference shares are in request at \$140. Queen Mines have been bought at 20 cents. Jebeus are steady at \$13. Raubs have been fixed at \$59 owing to sales from the South. A telegram from Singapore reports that during the month of March, 1150 tons were crushed, yielding 250 ounces of amalgam. Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have declined to 500 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares after sales at \$82, \$83 and \$84 are wanted at \$86. New Amoy Docks have been sold at \$20 ex the dividend of \$1.48 paid on the 29th ultimo. Lands, Hotels, and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands continue very firm and have been negotiated at \$126 and \$127. Kowloon Lands have been sold at \$26. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$122. Humphreys Estate have improved their position and have been done at \$90 and are wanted. China Providents are firm at \$91. Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons have been done at \$54 and \$57. Quotations for the Northern Mills are taken from the latest Shanghai Circulars. Cigar Companies.—Alhambra are enquired for at 120 per cent. premium, and La Commercials at 50 per cent. premium. Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements, weakened and sales at \$29 and \$29½ were effected; the market, however, is again firmer with buyers at \$29. China Borneos have been sold in small lots at \$18. A. S. Watsons have changed hands at \$164. Ices have been in some demand and have been done at \$16½ and \$160.

WATER RETURN.

Level and storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st April.

	1899.	1900.
Tydam.....	51ft. 5in. below overflow	51ft. 8in. below overflow
Pokfulam.....	37ft. 7in. below overflow	13ft. 4in. below overflow
Wong Nei Cheong.....	38ft. 1in. below overflow	38ft. 1in. below overflow
	STORAGE GALLONS.	
Tydam.....	82,850,000	74,791,0

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company No. 9 Praya Central on THURSDAY, 12th April, 1900 at NOON, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.
"That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$100 each, each fully paid up."

NOTE.—Shareholders on the Register on the 10th April, 1900 will be entitled upon application made on or before the 31st May, 1900 and upon payment of \$10 for every share applied for to one New Share for every old share standing in their respective names.

Should any share be not applied for on or before the 31st July, 1900 the General Managers will deal with such shares as they may think fit.

Shares applied for between the 31st May and the 31st July will be subject to interest at \$12 1/2 per annum.

With reference to the foregoing notice, the Register of Shares will be CLOSED from the 9th to 11th day of April, 1900, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [431b]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Connaught Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1900, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$50 each.

2.—That such New Shares be issued at a Premium of \$25 per Share and be allotted to the Shareholders of the Company in the proportion of One New Share for every Two Shares now held by them.

3.—That the Amount due for the New Shares be called up as follows, viz:—
\$50 per Share on the 1st July, 1900, to rank for Six months Dividend out of the Profits of the Year 1900, and the remaining \$25 per Share on the 1st October, 1900.

Dated the 29th March, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office on TUESDAY, the 24th April, 1900, at 12 O'clock (NOON), when the Subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th day of March, 1900, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

"That the New Regulations already approved by this meeting, and for the purpose of identification, as required by the Chairman, 'thereof, be, and the same are, hereby approved, and that such Regulations be, and the same are, hereby adopted as the regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing regulations thereof.'"

A copy of the proposed new regulations may be seen at the Company's Office, and can be obtained by application to the Under signed.

Dated Hongkong, the 2nd day of April, 1900.
By Order of the Board,
G. MOONEY,
Secretary.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 per Share in respect of the 50,000 New Shares has been called up and Holders of such Shares who have not already paid this Installment are requested to PAY the Amount of such CALL to the Undersigned at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on or before the 30th April, 1900.

Dated the 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the Twenty second day of March, 1900, the following RESOLUTION were passed.

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of \$12 per cent. per Annum, upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 9th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [430b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that SCIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, will be issued after One month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [430b]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
FIRE, MARINE AND TYPHOON.
Capital \$25,000,000.
Total Assets exceed \$40,000,000.
Total Annual Income exceed \$18,000,000.

THE OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG BRANCH of the above Company have This Day been REMOVED to No. 7, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, (late Praya Central), First floor, lately occupied by the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Local Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [420b]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
This Day has been TRANSFERRED from No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL to PRINCE'S BUILDING (1st Floor), CHATER ROAD.

JIRO ITAMI,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [392b]

Intimations.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [391b]

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.
THE "CHEONG FAT" FERRY CO., LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, whereby the Liability of each Shareholder is limited to the Amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL \$100,000.
In 4,000 fully paid up Shares of \$25 each of which 1,000 Shares will be offered for Subscription.

Terms for Subscription:—\$ 5 on Application Balance at call in Instalments, One Month's Notice to be given in respect of each Instalment called up.

Applications for Shares accompanied by a Deposit of \$5 per Share must be sent in to the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, on or before 18th of April, 1900.

For Forms of Application, apply to the General Managers.

Board of Directors:
Mr. LOO KOON-TUNG of Kwong Wing Sang
Mr. CHAN KAI-MING of Optium Farm.
Mr. HU SHUN-CHUN of Optium Farm.
Mr. TAN TEE-KONG of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.
Mr. CHAN HE-WAN of Chai On Insurance Co., Ltd.
Mr. LAI SHU-TUNG of Tin Shing Shop.
Mr. YUNG CHOW-PING of Deutsche Asiatische Bank.

Bankers:
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Solicitors:
Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES AND MASTER.

General Managers:
Messrs. LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying passengers between Hongkong and Yumtee and such other places as may from time to time appear to promise satisfactory results and assist in meeting the demands of the growing passenger traffic from and to Hongkong and the East and West River of Canton.

Arrangements have been made to commence business at once with a Ferry Service between Yumtee and Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1900. [447b]

H.M. NAVAL HOSPITAL.
WANTED A WRITER, apply personally to DEB. INSP. GENERAL, on MONDAY, the 9th instant, in the MORNING, with TESTIMONIALS.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1900. [448b]

WANTED.
A COPY of the Local "HANSARD," 1891-2.

Address: J. I. F.
Office of This Paper.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1900.

WANTED.
A FEW BOARDERS (GENTLEMEN) Central Position on low level; good accommodation with use of Billiard Table and select Library.

Apply REX,
c/o This Paper.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [436b]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCIP NUMBER 362 for TEN SHARES of this Company, numbered 7165 to 7174, and dated the 20th May, 1893, in the name of FUNG WA CHUEN, of Hongkong, having been LOST, a New Scrip for the same will be issued after One month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1900. [422b]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCIP NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of the Company, numbered 28904/28918, in the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, of Hongkong, will be issued after One month from the Date hereof, and the Original Scrip will be considered by the Company as Null and Void, and all persons are hereby warned against accepting or negotiating same.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1900. [430b]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
FIRE, MARINE AND TYPHOON.
Capital \$25,000,000.
Total Assets exceed \$40,000,000.
Total Annual Income exceed \$18,000,000.

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W. H. T. DAVIS,
Local Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [420b]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
This Day has been TRANSFERRED from No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL to PRINCE'S BUILDING (1st Floor), CHATER ROAD.

JIRO ITAMI,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [392b]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN-MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HA-KATA MARU F. L. Sommer	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 11th April, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU J. S. Thompson	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 13th April, at Daylight.
KINSHU MARU W. Brady	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 21st April, at 4 P.M.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell	NAGASAKI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 21st April, at Noon.
MIKE MARU S. Kawamura	MOJI, Kobe and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
MIKAWA MARU M. Takahashi	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	TUESDAY, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU A. E. Moses	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.
BINGO MARU M. Nilsson	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE ON-TYNE, and ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th April, at Daylight.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1900. [6]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. (Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. (Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight and Passage.
*HEIDELBERG Zacharise	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	10th April.	Freight and Passage.
*SIBIRIA Braun	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	24th April.	Freight and Passage.
*KONIGSBERG Christiansen	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 12th May.	Freight and Passage.
BAMBERG Jacobs	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 20th May.	Freight.
ANDALUSIA Schonfeld	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 30th May.	Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

CABLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 31st May, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"AMERICA MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th April, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1900. [7]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 21st April, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 11th May, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 9th June, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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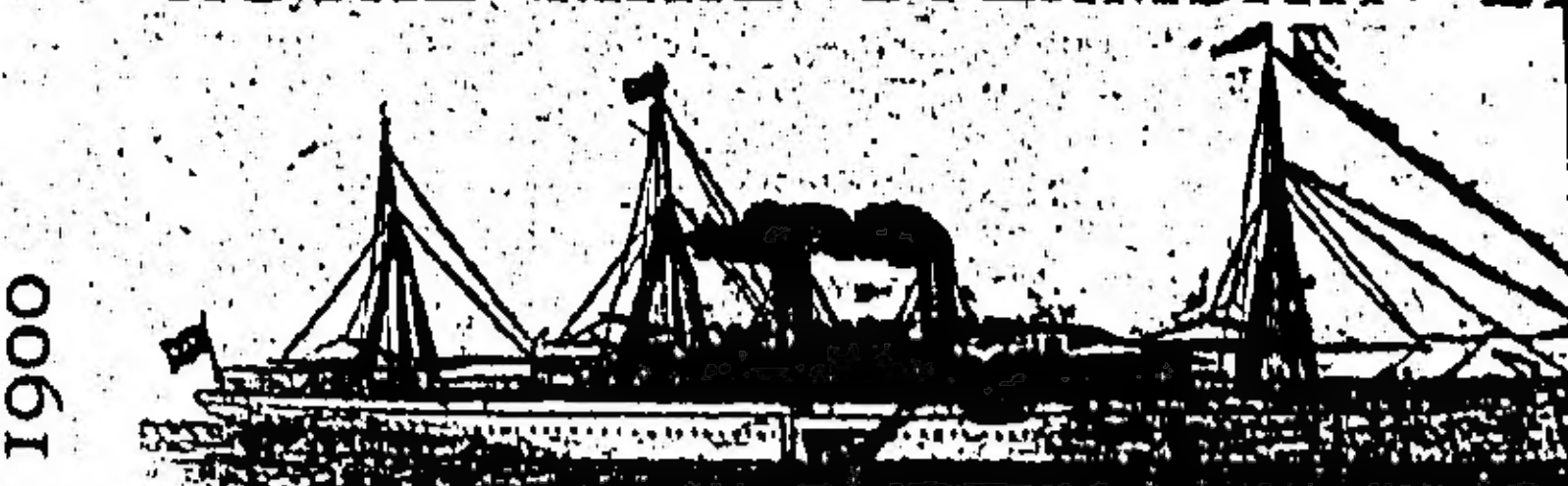
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

C. E. GORHAM, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [18]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 14 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY,
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY,
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the FAST SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO ER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAN TRANS-CONTINENTS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the COM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close comrade at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND L.D. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAN SPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-COAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent fairs Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAIRY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1900.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Energia 3,177 on April 12
Carlsle City 3,002 about April 30
Strathgyle 5,023 about May 10
Belgian King 3,379 about June 5
Thyra 3,812 about July 8

THE Steamship "ENERGIA," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 12th April.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States. Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.

